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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

Sections updated: None. As a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU regulations on export certificates. In addition to certificates required by the EU, there are specific sanitary certificate requirements with regard to salmonella for imports of fresh meat, meat preparations and eggs into Finland. An export certificate matrix and copies of certificates specific for Finland are included in this report.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :

Being a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU export certificate regulations. Required certificate details are set out in specific legislation, including models of the certificates to be used. The Finnish government does not publish these models in Finnish but, rather, accepts English models as specified in the EU legislation.

For a list of EU-required export certificates and the products they cover, please refer to the U.S. Mission to the European Union's FAIRS Export Certificate GAIN report available at:

In addition to those certificates required by the EU, Finland also has specific certificate requirements for fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) and eggs exported to Finland. These products must be accompanied by a health certificate (a salmonella guarantee) stating that the product is free from salmonella.

Table 1. Specific export certificates required by the Finnish government

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Meat & eggs	Salmonella Guarantee	"No occurrence of salmonella infection disease"	Certificate of conformance	National Food Administration

Please note that the salmonella guarantees/certificates for meat and eggs, frog's legs, gelatine and snails are not included in the EU's hygiene regulation package (Annex VI, Regulation No 854/2004). Model certificates for these products – primarily meat and eggs – can be found in Commission Regulation 1688/2005.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Salmonella Guarantees

The purpose of the salmonella guarantee - Certificate of Conformance- is to provide consumer protection. In its EU accession, Finland and Sweden received a derogation allowing them to apply stricter salmonella controls than other EU member countries. Finland and Sweden were granted additional salmonella guarantees covering trade in fresh meat from bovines and hogs, fresh poultry meat and table eggs which were extended to minced meat. All consignments containing fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) are subject to salmonella control.

Salmonella regulations are stipulated in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005. This regulation does not apply to imports from Norway and Sweden, since these countries have the same salmonella status as Finland. The Finnish Food Safety Authority is the authority responsible for requiring and approving the certificate. Copies of the "Model Certificates" for meats and eggs are found in Appendix I of this report.

Finnish importers are themselves responsible for ensuring that fresh meats, i.e., beef, pork and poultry, are tested for salmonella in the country of dispatch. Documentation stating that the meat was tested in accordance with the applicable EU decision, and that no salmonella was detected in the meat, must accompany the consignment. Likewise, importers of eggs for consumption must, as part of the self-inspection, ensure that the consignment is accompanied by certification of salmonella testing before further processing of the eggs. However, this does not apply when eggs are delivered to pre-approved establishments and when it can be demonstrated that they are to be used in the manufacture of egg products.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

Salmonella – Meat/Eggs

The specific declaration (attestation) required on the salmonella guarantee certifies that the product to be imported into Finland is in conformance with Finland's strict non-tolerance for salmonella. [As noted above, the](#) "Model Certificates" can be found in Appendix I.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

Salmonella

- Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?

Yes. Commercial documents should follow the model as provided in Appendix I. The certificate should include, in the numbered order that appears in the model, the required attestations for the transportation of meat from bovines or hogs or poultry meat, including minced meat.

The documents must be produced at least in triplicate and the original must accompany the consignment to the final destination. The consignee must retain the original certificate.

The general principle is that certificates must be in the official languages of Finland, in Finnish or Swedish. However, English versions are also accepted. Please contact the Finnish Food Safety Authority and Customs for precise information.

- Can the certificate be applied to multiple shipments?

No. The Certificate follows the individual consignment.

- Will Finland accept a Supplier's or Manufacturer's Export Declaration as proof of compliance?

Certificate of salmonella guarantee must be issued by the competent authority. Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration is not accepted as proof of compliance.

- Will Finland accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?

Yes, provided that it has been drawn up in accordance with the Model Certificates.

- Will Finland derogate export certificates?

The EU has a bilateral mutual equivalency veterinary trade agreement with the United States facilitating import procedures. However, the certificate requirements must be respected.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Approved Establishment in the United States

Foods of animal origin (meat, fish, milk, eggs and products thereof) must come from an EU-approved establishment in the country of origin and be accompanied by a health certificate as described in Section I.

The list of approved U.S. export facilities can be found on the website of the Foreign Agricultural Service U.S. Mission to the European Union at:

<http://www.useu.be/agri/estab.html>

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Model certificate for the consignment to Finland and Finland of eggs intended for human consumption

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Intra trade certificate

Part I: Details of consignment presented	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code		I.2. Certificate reference number		I.2.a. Local reference number:			
			I.3. Central Competent Authority					
			I.4. Local Competent Authority					
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code		I.6. No(s) of related original certificates * No(s) of accompanying documents *					
			I.7. Dealer * Name Approval number					
	I.8. Country of origin	ISO code	I.9. Region of origin	Code	I.10. Country of destination	ISO code	I.11. Region of destination	Code
	I.12. Place of origin/Place of harvest * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premise <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Semen centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> * Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Postal code				I.13. Place of destination * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premise <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Semen centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Postal code			
	I.14. Place of loading * Postal code				I.15. Date and time of departure *			
	I.16. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification:				I.17. Transporter * Name Approval number Address Postal code Member State			
	I.18. Animal species/Product				I.19. Commodity code (CN code)			
					I.20. Number/Quantity			
	I.21. Temperature of products Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>				I.22. Number of packages			
	I.23. Identification of container/Seal number				I.24. Type of packaging			
	I.25. Animals certified as/products certified for: * Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> * Fattening <input type="checkbox"/> * Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> * Transhumance <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Artificial reproduction <input type="checkbox"/> * Registered equidae <input type="checkbox"/> * Game restocking <input type="checkbox"/> * Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/> * Animal feedstuff <input type="checkbox"/> * Pharmaceutical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Technical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/>							
	I.26. Transit through Third country <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code Entry point BIP unit no.:				I.27. Transit through Member states <input type="checkbox"/> Member State ISO code Member State ISO code Member State ISO code			
I.28. Export <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code				I.29. Estimated journey time				
I.30. Route plan * Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>								
I.31. Identification of the animals/products Approval number of establishments/vessels Species (Scientific name) Category Processing plant Quantity Net weight								

* Not to be completed

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Eggs for human consumption dispatched to Finland and Sweden

II. Health information		II(a) Certificate reference number	II(b) Local reference number
<p>Attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the eggs described above originate from a flock which has been subjected, with negative results, to the checks provided for in Commission Regulation [...]^(*): (ii) the eggs are destined to be used for the manufacture of processed products by a process that guarantees the elimination of salmonella^(*). 			
<p>Notes</p> <p>⁽¹⁾ Box reference No L16: the registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft.</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Box reference No L23: in case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated.</p> <p>⁽³⁾ Box reference No L31: for 'category', indicate class A or B as in revised Council Regulation (EC) No 1907/90.</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾ Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>⁽⁵⁾ The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.</p>			
<p>Official veterinarian or official inspector</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Name (in Capital):</p> <p>Local Veterinary Unit:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Stamp ⁽⁵⁾:</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Qualification and title:</p> <p>No of the related LVU:</p> <p>Signature ⁽⁵⁾:</p> </div> </div>			

Model commercial document for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat

<p>1. Consignor (name of despatching establishment and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the despatching establishment)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Document reference number ⁽¹⁾:</p> <p>Total number of pages of this document:</p> <p>Date (on which the material was taken from the premises):</p>
<p>2. Consignee (receiver's name and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the establishment of destination of the product)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>3. Place of loading for dispatch (address in full if different from point 1)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>4. Carrier, means of transport, quantity and identification of consignment</p> <p>4.1. Carrier (name and address in full):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.2. Lorry, rail-wagon, ship or aircraft ⁽²⁾</p> <p>4.3. Registration number(s), ship name or flight number:</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>4.5. Nature of packaging:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.6. Number of packages per category of products:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.7. Net weight (kg):</p> <p>4.8. Container number if applicable:</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>5. Description of the products</p> <p>5.1. Type of products ⁽³⁾:</p> <p>5.2. Condition of products ⁽⁴⁾:</p>	
<p>6. Declaration by the consignor</p> <p>I, the undersigned, declare that:</p> <p>The checks referred to in Commission Regulation [...] have been carried out with negative results and a statement from the laboratory concerning the analyses performed on the consignment or the results of such analyses is attached to this document ⁽²⁾.</p> <p>The meat from bovine or porcine animals, including minced meat thereof, is intended for an establishment for the purposes of pasteurisation, sterilisation or treatment having a similar effect ⁽²⁾.</p> <p>The meat, including minced meat, comes from an establishment that is subject to a control programme recognised as equivalent to that approved for Sweden and Finland ⁽²⁾.</p>	
<p>Signature</p> <p>Done at on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(place) (date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(signature of the responsible person/consignor) ⁽⁵⁾</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(name, in capital letters)</p>	
<p>Notes</p> <p>⁽¹⁾ Reference number issued by the responsible person for purpose of traceability.</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>⁽³⁾ Describe the type of product (e.g. meat from bovine animals, meat from porcine animals, meat from poultry, minced meat).</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾ Describe the condition of product: chilled or frozen.</p> <p>⁽⁵⁾ The signature must be in a different colour to that of the printing.</p>	

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